

ODOR CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

Bahai Center
5750 Rodeo Road
November 10, 2003

MEETING #16 MINUTES

Attendees: See attached attendance list

Meeting Minutes Recorded by: Hyginus O. Mmeje, City of Los Angeles

Handouts:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Minutes of last meeting

Introductory Issues:

Victor Nahmias chaired the meeting. The meeting agenda was approved. The minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Odor Consultant, R. Bowker

Robert Bowker said that he has submitted a request to the City for additional funds to enable him to pay for review of data of summer odor complaint and monitoring data. Part of his request included time extension to allow him finish the draft final report in January 2004. The City has approved both requests. The City approved additional estimated amount of \$14,000.

Bowker expressed concern with what he called high levels of Hydrogen sulfide gas that the City of Los Angeles reported this summer in its monitoring data. He will be reviewing, analyzing and comparing that data with that of other large cities.

Bowker indicated that he will be meeting with Chris Harris, City's odor hotline public outreach consultant, to determine the effectiveness of the City's odor hotline outreach effort and he asked the Board for their input on the matter.

Architectural Review of Temporary Scrubber at Jefferson/Rodeo (Traffic Island)

The students of Woodbury University on the Innovative Design Concepts made a presentation for the Traffic Island Their concept of design were ideas of sustainability thru limited uses of land, water, and energy. Views of the ATF from Rodeo/Jefferson as well as the overall view from all directions were presented. Sample design concepts, sketches and models were presented to Board members.

The Board members would like the final design to be a permanent structure on the traffic island for aesthetic purposes. Board would not want delay due to City’s bureaucracy. They don’t want the project to take too long to be designed and constructed.

Felipe Velazquez – There are severe odor problems at Slauson and Martin Luther King. The City requested Felipe to provide specific location information in order to investigate and address his concern.

Questions, Answers and Action Items:

	Questions /Issues	Comments/Responses	Action Items
1	Odor Hotline Public Outreach Effectiveness	<p>Sam and Victor requested to see the summer odor complaints since that would be a good indicator of the effectiveness of the odor hotline outreach efforts</p> <p>Bowker – How do you know what outreach avenue is most effective in reaching people?</p> <p>Felipe expressed satisfaction with Spanish translation involved with the odor hotline outreach but requested Spanish translation during the board meetings. Also, Felipe said he may bring his own Spanish translator to the meetings. He expressed frustration that the board seems solely focused in addressing problems that are not in his general CD9 area.</p> <p>Carol requested a public outreach contact liaison for ECIS.</p> <p>Catherine – Where in the system are the high hydrogen sulfide levels in relation to the location of the temporary odor</p>	<p>Brent indicated that the City would provide the board with updated odor complaint logs/data as requested.</p> <p>Brent – City collects this information. When people call in to report odor, they are asked how they become aware of the odor hotline. This information could also be provided to the Board.</p> <p>City Public Outreach person will meet with Felipe to arrange for Spanish translation during board meeting and who will work with Felipe to ascertain and develop the boundary of the areas where Felipe feels odor is a problem. City will also provide Spanish translator at some of the future meetings.</p> <p>City will provide Carol with the contact she requested.</p> <p>Bowker – the location of the odor scrubbers are not directly related to the rate of and where</p>

		scrubbers?	hydrogen sulfide is produced in the system. Brent follow-up that they are located at critical high pressure locations.
2	Architectural Review	Board members Victor and Sam expressed displeasure with the modified design for the traffic island following new constraints and changes from the Bureau of Engineering. The new design is too scaled back and does not include many of the features the Board wanted. The Board requested reconsideration of the “serenaded” walls that is not included in the new design	The students will continue presenting their work concepts and/or models at the next Odor Control Board meeting. They will reconsider the “serenaded” walls. The plan is to complete design in a month and construct the project by February 2004.
3	The North Outfall Sewer (NOS) and East Central Interceptor Sewer (ECIS)	Milton – What is the relationship between Maze II project, the East Central Interceptor Sewer and the North Portal? Milton – Will the NOS be rehabbed up to what location (after ECIS)?	City will verify the relationship and present at the next meeting. Brent – All of the NOS will be rehabbed after ECIS Olga or ECIS outreach team will attend next Board meeting to discuss ECIS alignment through CD9 and the downtown area in response to Felipe’s request for attention to these areas.
4	Odor Control Facilities	Carol – Did I just hear the odor scrubbers are not working properly? Sam and Victor – Does that explain why we experienced heavy odor last week and	Brent – City has not been impressed with the way they have performed. The manufacturer need to refine their designs, meanwhile the City is looking at other manufacturers. The carbon on the scrubber at the traffic island has been changed twice which is more often than the City had expected. It has shown we cannot rely on carbon and have to have trickling process in order to be effective. Brent – The odor facilities and programs don’t have to be

		does the odor treatment facilities and control program have to be modified?	modified, if anything, what we have experienced with the carbon reinforces that the scrubbers work, though the City have to know when the carbons have reached their limits and have to be changed out and provide the increased maintenance that would be necessary.
5.	Frequency of Future Meetings	Carol is concerned the board tenure seems extending beyond the promised 18 months time period.	Bowker will attend January meeting to present his final report. At the January meeting, the board will discuss whether to have meetings once every two months as a way of attenuating the impact of the prolonged board tenure.

The next meeting will be on December 8, 2003. It will be chaired by Carol.